



NEXT CENTURY FUND

**Senator Richard Burr
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Dear Ms. DeCarmine:

I am in receipt of a letter from you dated March 16, 2007 which sites certain contributions from the Next Century Fund to the Mark Kennedy Victory Committee and Mark Kennedy 06 and indicates that these contributions may have exceeded the limits for Federal candidates, which is \$5,000 per election (copy attached)

Although both the Mark Kennedy Victory Committee (FEC C00424259) and the Mark Kennedy 06 (FEC C00409946) are linked to the same candidate (i.e., Mark Kennedy) they are separate and distinct FEC-registered committees and contributions to one do not necessary preclude contributions to the other.

Our contributions to the Mark Kennedy 06 committee do not exceed the legal contribution limits. The Next Century Fund properly contributed \$5,000 to this committee for the primary election which was reported in the April 2006 Quarterly report and \$5,000 for the general election which was reported in the October 2006 Quarterly report.

However, after making the contribution to the Mark Kennedy Victory Committee, it was subsequently determined that it may have exceeded the legal contribution limit because of a previous \$25,000 contribution to the National Republican Senatorial Committee's Special Team 2006 Committee and because one of the 5 joint beneficiaries of this NRSC committee is the state party committee in Minnesota. Therefore, a refund was requested by letter dated November 2, 2006 sent via US mail and via FAX. A second request was sent on April 4, 2007. To date, a refund check has not been received.

Contributions to the Next Century Fund are not tax deductible for federal income tax purposes. Federal law limits contributions to federal PAC's to \$5,000 per calendar year from individuals and other federal PAC's.

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